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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/August, through Sunday, 19th/August there were 205 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FO/a, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3E/HP1, PANAMA (LH Op). A groups of amateur radio operators from "Radio Club de Panama" and "GREMPA" were expected to be active during the International Lighthouse and Lightship Week End [ILLW] (August 18-19th), from two lighthouses in the Panama Canal:

HP1RCP -- Miraflores Lighthouse PAN 030

3E1FD -- Flamenco Lighthouse PAN 024.

QSL both operations via HP1RCP.

4U1UN NEWS (Closer to being on the air!!!). James, K2QI, President of the United Nations Amateur Radio Club (4U1UN), posted the following on FaceBook, Thursday, August 16th [edited]: "It's been a while since the last update, but I have some news to share. We're one step closer to being back on the air. As some may know, Dmitri Zhikharev, RA9USU, along with Adrian, Ciuperca, K08SCA, have been working with me behind the scenes to get the station operational again. Through the generous donations of Dima and his associates (notably Ed Kritsky, NT2X), we were able to get a rack mounted K3, Acom 2000 linear amplifier, and associated network-enabled control hardware. We were also granted another K3 to act as a remote head from Tony, N2UN/SK, via his widow, and delivered to us by Andrew Bodony, K2LE. Finally, Adrian has been doing a lot of behind-the-scenes networking and legwork with his counterparts to help get things done from within the United Nations.

Yesterday represents an additional milestone for the club as Adrian

(who did most of the work) and I, finally erected a brand new SteppIR BigIR vertical antenna on the Secretariat's roof. All that remains is to connect and lay the ground radials, fine-tune the rack mounted devices, and setup and configure the remote K3. Once done and after almost a decade off-air, we can finally call CQ 20 de 4U1UN..... 73! James, K2QI"

ADDED NOTE: See the following URL FaceBook links to see the pictures of the new vertical antenna:

https://scontent-ort2-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/39234747_2248000431896273_6661713117564633088_o.jpg?_nc_
https://scontent-ort2-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/39262691_2248000455229604_3325049318469009408_n.jpg?_nc_
https://scontent-ort2-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9/37570489_2248000445229605_633645944042160128_n.jpg?_nc_
4U1UN FaceBook page: <https://www.facebook.com/United-Nations-Amateur-Radio-Club-4U1UN-169357566427247>

CR3, MADEIRA. Members of the Slovak Contest Group and the OM8A Contest Team will be active as CR3DX from Porto Moniz, Madeira Island, during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th) as a Multi-2 entry. The operators mentioned are Antonio/CT3EN, Jose-Antonio/CT3DZ, Jose-Antonio/CT3BD, Jose-Miguel/CT3IA, Jose-Duarte/CT3KY, Eusebio/CT3KU, Miguel/CT3FW, Rastislav/OM3BH, Jozef/OM3GI, Tibor/OM3RM and Peter/OM7LW. QSL via OM2VL, direct or by the OM QSL Bureau (Don't use the CT Bureau).

EF9, CEUTA AND MELILLA. Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as EA9/W1XGI from Melilla between October 16-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands (probably 40-10m) using mainly CW and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://island.geocities.jp/ea9melilla>

HS, THAILAND. Sandy, DL1QQ, will be active as HS0ZNW from Bangkok between November 17th and December 7th. Her Thai Intermediate Amateur Radio Operator License is valid from August 14th 2018 until August 13th 2023. QSL only via LoTW.

IOTA NEWS.....

AS-065. (Update/Reminder) Operators Victor/UA3AKO, Yuri/UA0KBG and Aleksandr/RA3AV are now active as RT65KI from Chukotka, Idlidlya Island (RDA: CK-08, RRA: RR-11-06, RLHA: RLA-035, WLOTA: LH-2266), Asiatic Russia, in the Chukchi Sea Coast East Group until August 25-26th. There has been no activity from this IOTA group in the last 26 years. Activity will be on 40/30/20/15/10 meters using CW and SSB, with an Elecraft K3 and Yaesu FT-897 transceivers and amplifiers. QSL via UA3AKO (OQRS, direct or by the Bureau). Activity is to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Russian Robinson Club (RRC).

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

OJ0, MARKET REEF (Press Release). Wayne, N7NG, sent out the following on August 16th [edited]: OJ0C – YOUTH ON THE AIR WITH INTERNATIONAL TEAM -- August 18-25th -- LOCATION 60.18.06N & 19.07.89E -- The Market Reef light-house is located low-to-the-sea, where waves are often rolling over the entire DXCC entity. With no jetty, landing can be hazardous, with small zodiacs often being pushed hard by the sea. Life at the lighthouse is plain and simple, with all participants sharing the daily duties.

The first week in July was an outstanding success, while the youth were managing the remote Market outpost. With lots of experience with life at sea, they also made 4634 QSOs with 89 countries and definitely came home with another rich experience under their belt. Now the second group of Pieter/ON3DI, Florian/OE3FTA, Ilie/YO3IMD and Elias/OH2EP will try their landing on the early morning of Saturday, August 18th.

The weather is expected to be a challenge again, with a weather window from 9AM to 12 noon. The wind is expected to be up to 9m/s, which is very near the limit of 10m/s. All this requires a zodiac landing at its best. You can follow the WX at following link:

<https://www.foreca.com/Finland/Hammarland?lang=en>
<https://www.qrz.com/db/OJ0AM/>

The Finnish Lighthouse Society (FLS) and Amateur Radio League of Finland (SRAL) in conjunction with OH-DX-Foundation (OHDXF) and the DX University (DXU) are organizing the – INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AT SEA (IYAS) cultural exchange-based radio activity. The event is supported by the organizers

as well as the YASME Foundation Inc.

<https://sral.info/2018/06/19/market-calling/>

These young operators will be participating in daily hands-on workshops of safety and survival at sea at the remote lighthouse. In addition, they will become familiar with how to operate the radio efficiently. Their first welcome workshop will be in Aland Islands (OH0) by Martti/OH2BH, Henri/OH3JR, Keijo/OH2BOZ and Pasi/OH3WS prior their departure.

QSL OJ0C via OH3JR

*** UPDATE/Press Release (Saturday, August 18t) [edited]: ECKERÖ, ALAND ISLANDS -- OJ0C GROUP GATHERED IN ALAND ISLANDS FOR A KICK OFF SESSION -- On Friday evening the group gathered at the Eckerö Hotel (OH0) for OJ0C briefing and setting up the strategy for a variety of the elements for their week at sea in the remote Light House. For the youngsters it was the very first of this kind thus sharing the game plan was important. The DX University had provided them a detailed road map to success.

The group left OH0 at 06 UTC with very favorable weather, and they should be QRV later today, Sunday.

Picture (from left); OH2BE, EL1NA, YO2FTA, OE3FTA, ON3DI, OH3JR, OH2BH and OH3WS.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 20-26th).....

Aug/20th HN	Aug/23rd AN	Aug/25th AN
Aug/21st AN	Aug/24th AN	Aug/26th AN
Aug/22nd AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRy DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the POLSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

<http://www.voacap.com/hf/>

A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>

Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GiellaW4hm>

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF [August 19th]

3V8CB via LX1NO	GB6NT via MOMGP & (L)	PA6SCH/LH via PI4DHG
40/HA7NB/P via HA7NB (L/e)	HA/YO6EVA/P via YO6EVA	PI4ET via PE1DUG (B)
5Q5W via DL2SWW	HA/YO6PIB/P via YO6PIB	SE7M/LH via SE7M/LH
7S5A via SM4DDS (O/B/L)	HB0/IK3TND via IK3TND	SK7BORE via SK7DX
9A200S via 9A2MF	HB9ILLW via HB9FVR	SN100POL via SP1PMY
AT3LH via VU2YQ (d)	HF0ZHP via SP2ZCH	SP100N via SP9MA
CS2LH via CS5LX	HF73RIESE via SP6PWS	SP663PAF via SP5KCR
CT7/EA4SG via EA4SG	HF800W via SQ6ILG	SU9JG via EA5GL (d/L)
CW1R via CX1AA	HF9D via SP9UXB	SV9/SM7PXS via SM7PXS
CX1T via IK2DUW	IT9/IK4RSR via IK4RSR	T45FM via RW6HS (d)
D73G via HL4CEL(d)/6L0NJ(B)	K1S via WS1SM (d)	T6TM via W2GR
DL0MFH/LH via DM1BM	LU/EA8DE via LU/EA8DE (e)	TA2/DL2JRM via DL2JRM
EA3/PA5VEN via PA5VEN	LY/SN0WFF via SP5C (d)	TK/DJ0TO via DJ0TO
ED2FPA via EA2RCA	LY765KM via LY3X	TK4QL via TK4QL (d)

EG1FSR via EA1UVR	LZ30STM via LZ1ZF	TM0BSM via DL0AD
EG1MHM via EA1DOO	MJ/SP7VC via SP7VC (d/L)	TM60GW via F5PCX (B)
EG7SCC via (EA-B)/EA7HBC(d)	MW5R via MW0EDX	TM89SRY via F5KCC
EG8HKT via EA8TK (d/e)	OE23HABC via OE3PFS (B)	TX5T via M0URX (O)
EH1LHA via EA1RKA	OJ0C via OH3JR	V31VP via WB0TEV (O)
EH1MCP via EA1AUM	OK8BT/P via PB2T	XE1/N4DMH via N4DMH (d/L)
EH7FDA via EA7URI & (L)	OL100CSR via OK1MP (O/L)	YT600WCA via YU1CA
F/EA2WX/P via EA2WX	OM100CSR via OM2FY (O/L)	ZL6LH via ZL1VK
FG80J via F4AVX & (L)	OZ0IL via DL1UWE	ZS9V via M0OXO (O)
GB2SL via G1TDN	PA6FUN via PA3HHT	
(e) eQSL only	(d) direct only	(B) Bureau only
(O) OQRS only	(C) ClubLog only	(L) LoTW only
(I) No IRC	(P) PayPal	(*B) DX's- Bureau
		(N) No QSL needed

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
<https://clublog.org/logsearch/TX5T>

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3C0W, 3C3W, 5A1AL, 9G5AR, E51LYC (OC-098), JE1RMI, PH2LB, PY3DX, TX5T and VO1SO

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5C5AF (AF-065), H40D (OC-179), H44R (OC-168), H44R/P (OC-158) and VO1SIX

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!

SILENT KEYS (SK).....

- * It has been reported that Jose Armando Alikandu, YV5AJK, became a Silent Key (SK) on August 11th. Jose was one of the first in YV to make DXCC and also achieve Honor Roll for YV (only needing Scarborough [BS7] and Kosovo [Z6] to make Top of Honor) with a total of 381 confirmed countries.
- * Robert S. "Bob" Morris, W4MYA, of Goochland, Virginia, became a Silent Key (SK) on August 14th, at the age of 72. Morris was a member of the Potomac Valley Radio Club, and was active as a Contester and DXer.
- * OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the above SKs.

TA7/TC2, TURKEY. Members of the 2018 Turkish Ankara Youth Contest Team, Gokkem/TA7AZC and Furkan/TA7AOF (both 20 years of age) will be active as TC2F between August 29th and September 4th. They will also be in the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 1-2nd). QSL via LoTW, direct or by the Bureau.

TM70, FRANCE (Special Event). Phil, F5PTA, will be active as TM700NU from Lyon, France, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights. QSL via eQSL only.

V3, BELIZE (Cancelled). Jose, EC5AC, has cancelled his activity as V31FT from Maya Hill between October 29th and November 8th. He states, "Due to my new job in EA6 (Balearic Islands) I must move there in October and I will not be in Belize this year..."

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS. Dave, WJ20, will be active as VP2V/WJ20 from the British Virgin Islands (NA-023) between November 21-27th. Activity will be mainly on the 30/17/12 meter bands. He will also be in the CQWW DX Cw Contest (November 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via N2ZN or LoTW.

VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release #8, dated August 19th).
 VP6D has reached another significant milestone.
 After a short delay the VP6D equipment is on its way to Braveheart in New Zealand. The shipment was consolidated on to 5 pallets, with a total

weight of 1,615 kg (3,553 pounds) and released to Cathay Pacific Cargo airlines by our customs broker in Hayward, California.

The shipment was trucked to San Francisco International Airport for delivery to Cathay Pacific's cargo hub in Hong Kong. From there it goes to Auckland, New Zealand where it will clear Customs and Bio-security, then taken to our customs broker in Tauranga, New Zealand for delivery to Braveheart. We built in plenty of buffer to meet the contracted date to load Braveheart and manage any unexpected delays.

It's been a busy several weeks to get all the equipment consolidated, integrated, tested and packed for shipment. The short delay allowed us to add a few late arriving items: SPE high power amplifiers, a spare set of band pass filters and a drone, we think you will agree the delay was justified. At Braveheart's warehouse the pallets will be unwrapped and inventoried. The shipping cases will not be opened unless visibly damaged.

The next major milestone will be in October when team members begin their journey to meet the Braveheart at Mangareva, French Polynesia. It's been a long 16 months of detailed planning and coordination - the target is now in sight.

In case you missed the latest Clublog update, VP6/D is shown as #19 Most Wanted.

With donations at 78% of target we're looking forward to additional DXers joining the project's donor list on VP6D.com

73, Team Ducie 2018

Website: vp6d.com, Twitter and Facebook

Please direct questions to: info@vp6d.com

W9DXCC NEWS (Less than a month away!/Press Release, dated August 12th). The W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet in suburban Chicago is just a month away -- Sept. 14-15th -- but there's still time to register and secure discounted hotel rates to enjoy the program and win a shot at a prize kitty that's grown to more than 12,000 USDs thanks to our generous donors. Prizes and raffles will include an FT DX 3000 and IC-7300.

Scheduled presentations for the 66th annual gathering include the recently completed Baker Island DXpedition, how Kosovo became a new DXCC entity, emergency communications in Puerto Rico and the epic tale of the attempt to activate Bouvet Island for the first time since 2008. The banquet's keynote speaker is Bob Schenck, N200, a veteran operator, DXpeditioner, QSL manager, CQ magazine DX editor and current president of the International DX Association (INDEXA).

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, W9DXCC will again offer Contest University and DX University on Friday. The daylong session on Saturday will feature speakers, exhibits, QSL card checking, a CW pileup contest, as well as the evening reception and banquet. The venue remains the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg. If you haven't already, now is the time to get registered.

For more information and registration: <http://w9dxcc.com>

73, John/K9KE (K9KE@arrl.net)

XT, BURKINA FASO. Al, F8FUA, will once again reactivate his old callsign, XT2BR, used back between November 1983 and June 1986. Look for him to be active from Ouagadougou between August 21-29th. He will use an Elecraft K3 with 100 watts into a hexbeam and dipoles, operating on CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 (DXpedition mode) if possible. He states, "Please remember, I have no sponsor, no QSL Manager etc... I am alone so I will not be QRV 24h a day." Log will be updated when possible depending on his Internet access. QSL direct (with SAE and 2 USDs) or via the REF QSL Bureau. After his operation, Al will upload his old and new logs to LoTW. Al does mention, "Unfortunately, most of the log (his old log) has been lost except a small part of around 4300 QSOs."



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